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Six Exclusive Articles

U-2 Pilot's Dramatic Story To Appear in The Bulletin

Just ten years ago, an American U-2 spy plane was shot down by a Soviet rocket while flying over Russia.

There were dramatic repercussions. Nikita Khrushchev, then Soviet premier, harshly denounced the United States, and canceled a proposed visit to Russia by the late President Eisenhower.

The U-2 pilot, an American civilian named Francis Gary Powers, parachuted safely, but was immediately captured by the Russians. He was tried, sentenced to 10 years in prison, and actually served 21 months. Then he was exchanged for Col. Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy who had been imprisoned in this country.

Now Powers has written, for the first time, his own story of the flight and its aftermath.

His book, 'Operation Overflight,' will be published in May. But a serialization of this dramatic story will appear in this area, exclusively in The Bulletin beginning next Sunday, April 19, and continuing for five days thereafter.

In six articles, Powers tells of preparations for the flight, of its sudden end, of his capture, and his subsequent questioning by the Soviet secret police.

And he offers a sensational new theory as to how the Russians obtained the information which made it possible for them to shoot down what was then the plane capable of higher altitudes than any other.

Powers' own story will begin on Page One of next Sunday's Bulletin, and continue thereafter in The Evening Bulletin.